From the Principal

Dear Parents,

FIRST TERM INQUIRIES

All the year levels are working on their first PYP inquiry units for the term. Many incursions and excursions have been planned to help make connections with the concepts to be developed throughout the units. Some year levels are inviting parents and other community members to talk to the children. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to hear first hand experiences and life stories from parents. If you feel you have some words to offer the classes relating to their inquiries please do not hesitate in making contact with class teachers.

Prep - We will be exploring and investigating “Myself and Others” (Who we are)
The Central Idea to be explored through the inquiry is - We are all individuals. Together we grow and change.

Year 1 - Students will be engaged in a process entitled ‘Learning to Learn’. The focus will be on building relationships and learning about the school values with the aim of establishing a learning community within their classroom. Followed How We Organize Ourselves”,

Year 2 - The first inquiry for this year is values centred and incorporates the transdisciplinary skills and subject areas of communication, research, geography and internationalism; which will be explored in conjunction with the ‘Learning to Learn’ program until the end of term one.

Year 3 - ‘Learning to Learn’. Teachers and students in each grade will be getting to know each other and involved in establishing a learning community within their classroom. Students will be encouraged to learn to understand their strengths, skills and how they learn best.

Year 4 - ‘Who We Are’ with a focus on ‘Learning to Learn’. The Learning File brings forth the understanding of how powerful the brain can be. Various thinking tools will be utilised during this learning time including: mind mapping, brainstorming, multiple intelligences and goal setting. Goal setting is an ongoing process where the students are guided in the setting Year 5 - The concept that will be driving our first Unit of Inquiry is “responsibility”, the understanding that people make choices based on their understandings, and the actions they take as a result do make a difference. We will explore the central idea of this inquiry: “Our thoughts and actions affect the way we feel.”

Year 6 - In term one, students in grade 6 will explore the notion of leadership. This inquiry will be conducted through the transdisciplinary theme “Who We Are”. The disciplines to achieve major emphasis through this inquiry will be Social Studies: Social organisation and culture. Students will explore the PYP attitudes of integrity, confidence and cooperation and will be given opportunities to develop their social skills including:

- Group decision making
- Accepting responsibility
- Cooperating

The central idea for this unit of inquiry is; ‘Individuals can have an impact on the beliefs and values of others’

All parents will be invited to the school in March to see what is happening in classrooms around elements of the PYP and inquiries.

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Continued report from Susan Lee

SWIMMING SPORTS
Congratulations to the team of Seabrook swimmers for their fabulous team and individual results in the swimming sports held on Tuesday. A big thank you to Sue Joyce and Blair Ganley for their dedicated pre-school training of the team. Thank you to all the parents, Ms Easson and Mr Trott for their support with this program.

The first challenge for the swimmers occurred when the bus hired to transport them to the Werribee Pool broke down at school. Thanks to the wonderful staff and parents who kindly ferried the children to the pool. Thanks also to some parents who returned to school to find all the children had been delivered in time for their events. Your assistance was greatly appreciated.

It is also wonderful to hear about the encouragement our children and families give all competitors from all schools. This is shows great PYP values of respect and appreciation of others’ efforts.

Compliments have flowed regarding the behaviour and dedication shown by the Seabrook swimmers. A great number of the swim team will advance to the next round of competition. A great achievement by all.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEWS
Term 1 curriculum overviews have been prepared. Please see School website www.seabrook.vic.edu.vic to see what areas of the curriculum your child will be covering this term in all areas.

2015 SCHOOL PHOTOS
Please note that all individual, family groupings and class photos will be taken on Thursday April 16th, more details to come soon.

2015 SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS
Elections will not be held this year owing to the council finding itself in the position of receiving insufficient nominations. An additional member will be co-opted onto council shortly to satisfy the correct membership ratio.

The 2015-16 school council will be made up of the following Department of Education representatives and parent representatives:

DET Committee – Susan Lee, Jennifer Cassar, Ann O’Connor, Nicole Lockwood, Wendy Treloar.

Parent Committee – Ann-Marie Lloyd, Triston Boothroyd, Nicole Chappell, Toula Papadimitropoulos, Kym Ham, Melissa Boothroyd. School Council welcomes two new members Julie Enzerink and Lori Faraone and Damien Di Domenico has been reinstated for a further 2 year period.

FUNDRAISING BBQ AT MASTERS
The BBQ at Masters Williams Landing on Sunday 22nd of February was a success. $602 was donated by Barry Plant Real Estate to our school. Thank-you to Nunzio for his organization and support of our school. Also please note the Caltex offer to Seabrook families has been extended until the end of March. Thanks for supporting this.

Have a great week
Sue & Staff

From Monday the 2nd of March there is a change to the canteen menu. The Fantastic Noodle Cup is NO LONGER available, concerns have arisen with the safety of this product when children are carrying this product from the canteen.

An updated canteen menu is available from the Skoolbag app and our website.

Thank-you
Junior Learning Community - 0CP

Fun in Prep CP
In the first few weeks of school, we have celebrated International Mother Language Day in grades 3 and 4.

We discussed what a mother language is and agreed that someone’s mother language might be English and they can speak it everywhere: at home, at school, in the community. Some others, like Maestra Elena and many children, have a different mother language and they speak it within their family and with friends from the same cultural background. These children are bilingual: they speak two languages.

The children made a reflection on why it’s important to them to keep their mother language alive:

Because it’s my culture. I respect my culture.  
Naza, 3RB

So I can understand my family. I can speak with my family.  
Anni, 4 MT

It’s important to speak Arabic because it’s part of my culture and I feel happy to speak Arabic. It’s fun.  
Ream, 3KW

Some children are keen to learn another language at school and here it is why:

It is important to speak another language because if you get a job in another country, you’ll need to know two languages.  
If you go to a different country, if someone asks you a question, you won’t know what to say. Lucy, 4MT

You can teach people.  Darsh & Song, 3SP

It is important to know a second language so you can make friends.  
Qiqi & Chanel, 3SP

Because you can learn lots of languages. Then you can travel the world and speak to people in their language.  
Rishi 3KW

We are very excited to start another year of Italian at Seabrook Primary School.

Buon anno a tutti!

Maestra Elena, Italian Teacher
**Guest Speaker Reflection**

On Wednesday the 19th of February Mr. Colmenar visited grade 5 as a guest speaker. In the BER building he spoke about how our thoughts and actions affect the way we feel. First he spoke about positive thinking and actions then he started to talk about things that make you feel good and better. He discussed sad things such as bullying because if you get bullied it is not nice. He mentioned the Roller Coaster of life which means all of the ups and downs in your life some days you might have a good day and some days you might have a bad day and bullying might be a bad day. He finished by explaining some helpful strategies such as talking to people to help you and tell someone because people can help you get through it.

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**Learner Profile**

- COMMUNICATOR
- BALANCED
- CARING
- THINKER
- OPEN-MINDED
- INQUIRER
- RISK TAKER
- REFLECTIVE
- KNOWLEDGEABLE
- PRINCIPLED
Sports News from Grade 6

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On the 24th of February, 2015, some of the grade 6’s participated in the district swimming carnival. Relay groups including the girls and boys freestyle, did very well in their races coming first both times. As well as this, grade sixes competed in individual events such as freestyle and breaststroke. Most people got ribbons in the first to third group, but for some it was difficult when competing in the 12 year boys when you are a girl. All of us cheered loudly, chanting on the swimmer from start to finish. It was an amazing day and a lot of us did incredibly well.

By Jade 6MB

Schoolpix will be visiting on Thursday the 16th April
more details to come in the following weeks

Caltex is supporting Seabrook

This is a promotion we are doing with Caltex (next door to the school) as part of our fundraising efforts.

This pamphlet can be taken into the Point Cook Road service station to get 1% off fuel and 5% of store items, as many times as you like before expiry 28th February 2015. The discount on your purchases of fuel and goods will go to our school.

We have the ability to earn $1000 for the school by the end of this month, however an extensions is likely.

We hope you will take advantage of this offer. We have been told your Seabrook Skoolbag App can also be shown at time of purchase.

Thank you for supporting our local business and in turn our school.

Please retain your receipts and place them in the green Caltex box in the office area.
Thank-you
INCURSION / EXCURSION / FUNDRAISING MONEY

When sending in money for incursions, excursions, fundraising etc., please send in the correct money and ensure that you have separate envelopes for each separate activity/event. We cannot accept foreign coins, as they are rejected by the bank, so therefore will be returned to you. Please check you have included Australian currency only. Money is not kept in the office so we cannot provide change.

Parents need to give the correct money in a clearly marked envelope, in the mornings only, to the classroom teacher. Teachers are unable to accept money at the end of the school day as they are unable to leave money in the classroom. Cash payments are not accepted at the office. Parents are welcome to call into the school office to collect a few school payment envelopes to leave at home for this purpose. Alternatively, please ensure that the money is in a clearly marked envelope with student’s name, grade and amount and activity/event.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yvonne Golomb Administration

New payment envelopes with credit card payment option. Please tick the credit card box on the front of the envelope and then fill in your details on the inside of the envelope.

Seabrook Primary School
Phone: 9395 1758 - Email: seabrook.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Student:  
Grade:  
Teacher:  

Payment For:

Please complete the Consent Statement on flap for excursion

AMOUNT $ :  
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Signature: ___________________________________ Telephone No: ___________________________

Child’s Name: ___________________________________________

Payment being for: ________________________________________
Want to play an Olympic Sport? Hook In 2 Hockey is a great introduction and fun way to learn the skills of hockey.

Tuesday night’s beginning 3rd March at Presidents’ Park McGraths Rd, Werribee 5:00-5:50pm. This is a 6 week program concluding on 21st April after a break for school holidays.

$10 registration. A kit (stick, ball, shin guards, mouth guard, in a bag and a reversible green and gold playing singlet can be purchased for $40.

Register at [http://hookin2hockey.hockey.org.au](http://hookin2hockey.hockey.org.au) Use the search below the map and put in postcode 3030. Do not pay registration choose submit. Pay $10 to Club on first night.

Questions: wdhl.whc@gmail.com or Lyn on 0407 367 025

This program will be followed by a six a side competition on Tuesday night beginning 28th April to end of term 3.
For your information

10 lessons $347
Phone: 9816 9111

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PH: 0459 939 979

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After school session held at Featherbrook Community Learning Centre
33-35 Windorah Drive, Point Cook. ph: 03 9088 0750 mob: 0402 547 227
The Select Entry Learning Program
At
Werribee Secondary College

This program, is designed to meet the special needs of more able students, providing them with a curriculum which is more challenging than that for mainstream classes. The program caters for students who may excel in verbal and literacy skills as well as for students who excel in mathematics. Modifications to the curriculum ensure that students are stimulated towards attaining the potential which they possess.

Outside the classroom, students participate in a number of enrichment activities aimed at broadening their horizons, stimulating their interests and building their confidence. These activities include (amongst others), a Guest Speaker program, Public Speaking program, Debating and National subject competitions.

Werribee Secondary College has the only accredited, Department of Education, Select Entry Learning Program in the Wyndham District. The College is very accessible to students from a wide area, being conveniently situated just several minutes’ walk from Werribee Railway Station, and serviced by many bus routes.

In order to enter the program, students need to apply and sit for a written test which is conducted at Werribee Secondary College in May, - pre-registration is essential. For more information and / or to make an application to have your child enter the program, contact Werribee Secondary College on 9741 1822 and ask for an information pack to be sent out to you.

William Hatzis
Assistant Principal and SELP Manager
Werribee Secondary College

Angela Callea
Special Programs Director and
SELP Coordinator

Werribee Secondary College will be holding a 2016 Enrolment Information Night on Wednesday, 4th March, 2015 commencing at 7.00pm in the College Auditorium. Come along and find out what our College can offer your child. Information regarding the Select Entry Learning Program will also be available. Contact us on 9741 1822 for further information or to book a tour of the College.
School Banking

School Banking - Wednesday (Tuesday for Preps only)
Well done to the 182 students who banked last week

The Commonwealth Bank account opening day was a huge success with a record number of accounts being opened for school banking from Seabrook Primary. There has also been a large number of parents opening account by attending their local branch or via Netbank.

It is never too late to join school banking:

* Go to any Commonwealth Bank branch with your current account details or drivers licence and child’s birth certificate,
* If you are a current Commonwealth Bank customer via Netbank or 13 2221,
* Attend the school banking room next to the library on Thursday mornings between 8.30am and 10.00am with your drivers licence.

Saving regularly is an important habit to get into, whether you are saving a little or a lot. Keep up the great work and remember to bring in your deposit book each Wednesday. Thank you for supporting the School Banking Program.

Did you have a school banking question or query? Please email: seabrookschoolbanking@gmail.com
School Banking Volunteers
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**ITALIAN WORD OF THE WEEK**

This weeks word is - “Carnevale”  
Coming from the Venice Carneval 
held in Italy at the moment

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Prescribed Medication Authority Form

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please be advised that if your child is required to take prescribed medication whilst at school a [MEDICAL AUTHORITY FORM](#) can be found on our Skoolbag App and the school website. This form should be filled out and signed off by your doctor before we can administer the prescribed drug. Please Note: wherever possible, medication should be given outside the school hours, e.g if medication is required three times a day it is generally not required to be taken at school: it can be taken before and after school and before bed.

If medication is to be administered at school the medication must be in the original packaging. Should you have any questions/queries contact the Leadership Team.

Thank you for your support

Principal Susan Lee

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